

# Home Based Services

Home Based Services are an effective way for children who are at risk to safely remain home. Most services are delivered to children and families in their own home.

Home Based services are most appropriate when any of the following conditions exist:

- A child has experienced abuse or neglect but can remain safely in the home
- A child is returned home from out-of-home care
- An adoptive placement may disrupt or dissolve and intensive services are needed to maintain the family in the adoptive home

## Types of Home Based Services

Three types of Home Based Services are available for children and their families. **Voluntary Services**, also known as Protective Services Counseling (PSC), provides individual counseling designed to meet the needs of the child/family. **Court-Ordered Services**, also known as Protective Services Supervision (PSS), allows opportunities for children, at risk for abuse or neglect, to visit with their parents in a supervised environment. **Intensive Services**, also known as Protective Family Preservation, are provided to children who are at immediate risk of an out-of-home placement. Services can include teaching parenting skills, conflict resolution and problem solving skills, developing child safety plans and linking the family to broad-based community resources.

Home-based services use the least intrusive, solution-focused interventions to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and families. The expected outcomes of home-based services for families are:

- Ensure and enhance safety within the home
- Preserve the family unit within the home
- Strengthen family support systems
- Advocate for children and families
- Identify and build upon families' existing strengths

## QUICK FACTS

- Court ordered supervision accounted for 51% of home based services as of the last day of the fiscal year.
- 8 months is the average length of services for court ordered supervision.
- Upon closure of court-ordered home based services:
  - 57% of families are stabilized
  - 9% of children cases resulted in adoption or placement with a relative
  - 33% of children emancipate, need more intensive services, are referred elsewhere, etc.

